

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to update the status of the granted parent application.

II. Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-56 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,742,734. Office Action at page 2.

While Applicants respectfully disagree with this ground for rejection, filed herewith for the sole purpose of advancing the prosecution of this case is a Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent No. 6,742,734.

III. Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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